



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 2/5/2019

File #: 19-172

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 257 - Solid Waste and Woody Biomass Disposal (Mathis)
(Supervisor Rex Bohn)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors is sending a letter of support for Assembly Bill No. 257 introduced by Assembly Member Mathis on Jan. 23, 2019. This is an act to add and repeal Section 42999.2 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

Existing law establishes the CalRecycle Greenhouse Gas Reduction Revolving Loan Program, administered by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to provide loans to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases by promoting in-state development of infrastructure or other projects to reduce organic waste or process organic and other recycled materials into new value-added products.

This bill would create a 5-year woody biomass rural county collection and disposal pilot program in counties with a population of less than 250,000 people. It would allow individuals to dispose of woody biomass free of charge on a designated schedule. The county would allow local biomass conversion facilities to collect and dispose of biomass in a way that would reduce greenhouse gas emission. The facilities would then be funded to do such work under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. There would be a data collection component that would track the rural counties involved in the pilot program, the amount of funding provided to each county, and the amount of disposed biomass.

Assembly Bill 257 would support Humboldt County's 2019 State legislative goal of supporting and advancing local interests in natural resources by increasing efforts and funding for climate protection

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and renewable energy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by advancing local interests in natural resource discussions

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

Assembly Bill 257

Letter of Support

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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